

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **300528**

ADOPTED ON **JUN 13 2005**

WHEREAS, the METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO was founded in 1970 by a small group of Christian activists who wanted a safe, secure church home for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community; and

WHEREAS, the METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO is the first gay organization to have purchased property in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, currently meeting at The LGBT Community Center in Hillcrest, the METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO remains, as it was at its inception, an integral part of the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, for the past 35 years, the METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO has served the LGBT and the greater San Diego communities as more than a church, with its members continuing to take an active role in social justice issues which have included helping pass San Diego's Human Dignity Ordinance; increasing HIV/AIDS awareness, compassion, and fund raising; instituting the first International AIDS Vigil; operating the weekly Loaves of Love Ministry; helping establish the Youth Housing Project; assisting in the Tsunami Relief Effort; and supporting the San Diego Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, leaders and members of the METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO have been instrumental in founding many of San Diego's most influential and visible LGBT organizations, including groups as diverse as the San Diego Democratic Club,

Stepping Stone, Auntie Helen's, The Greater San Diego Business Association, The San Diego LGBT Community Center, and the Lambda Archives of San Diego; and

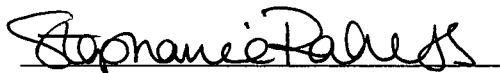
WHEREAS, on June 5, 2005, the METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO celebrates its 35th anniversary as a congregation serving the LGBT community of San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby recognize the efforts of the METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO over the past 35 years to provide a spiritual home and center for social activism for the LGBT community and to all open affirming people of faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 5, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO 35th ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

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